



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach, Suffolk County, New York held on September 23, 2023 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 8:45 AM from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Arment upon call the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:01AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Levine, upon call the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:25 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Moritz seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:21 AM:

There were present:	Mayor:	James S. Mallott
	Trustees:	Marco Arment
		Dawn L. Hargraves
		Ian Levine
		Jennifer Moritz
	Village Counsel:	Kenneth Gray
	Village Administrator:	Joseph DiFrancisco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2023: Resolution No. 2023-108: Mayor Mallott moved follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on August 12, 2023 are accepted as presented

Trustee Moritz seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2023-109: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers, already paid be approved as submitted and as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$543,735.68, for Gross Payroll from 08/09/23 through 09/19/23

General Fund, in the amount of \$180,079.44, check numbers A28177 through A28237, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 2,315.20, check numbers F3829 through F3835, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 28,635.49, check numbers G6838 through G6851

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers to be paid, are submitted to be approved for payment as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$ 98,860.77, starting with check number A28238, and

Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 10,391.80, starting with check number F3836, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 46,912.65, starting with check number G6582

Bond payment due October 1, 2023

Interest:

General Fund, in the amount of \$14,750.00, and

Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$4,400.00, and

Total Interest \$19,150.00

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment Voted Aye

Trustee Hargraves Voted Aye

Trustee Levine Voted Aye

Trustee Moritz Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott Voted Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mallott: Uh, good morning, everyone. Thanks for coming. This miserable weather. It's a little chilly in here this morning. Should have put my long pants on. Um, what do we have? Let's see. We were in negotiations with the ferry company at this moment in time. Um, we've had a couple of back and forths. We are negotiating in good faith. There's nothing to report because it's we're trying to work out a lease for the ferry terminal. Things are moving forward. That's about all I can say with the ferry company. Um, our project for the drainage system is scheduled to start on Wednesday. Wednesday morning. The Fire Island Ferries will be in the transient dock area, pull on all the polls out. That's probably Wednesday and Thursday. Friday, we probably have a barge that will come in, a 60 foot barge with equipment on it. The company will start to take the tennis court fence down and use that whole area as a staging area. They have a couple of weeks work to do before they have to start the dewatering part of this program. We've been in touch with the DEC. They're aware of our time constraints on this job. They're working with us. We've had some very good conversations with the people at the DEC. We have to realize that they have a job to do also and they will work closely with us to get the permit that we need to de-water. We hope to have that permit in hand in the middle of October, around the 15th or 18th of October to start the de-watering program, which will give them the ability to sink some steel sheets to remove the cement from the wagon park and dig a hole there. And start the de-watering process. It's been a long, hard road getting this done. But as long as we can start next week. And I think in all probability, we'll get this job done before the beginning before the Memorial Day weekend.

Maria Silsdorf: Uh, what are mitigation? (Inaudible)

Trustee Arment: That's no de-watering is the process of pumping. So when they dig, they're digging below the water table. So of course, water will flood in. So dewatering is the process of pumping that water out so they can dig.

Mayor Mallott: All it's doing is recirculating the water. You know what I mean? Because we're in water already. So what'll happen is as they dig, they'll de-water, the pipe will run round, it'll run by the condos there into a couple of settling tanks and then go out into the into the bay they're looking at starting that in in October. Once we get that de-watering permit. Uh. I don't think I have much else.

Trustee Moritz: When is the official closing date of the tennis courts. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** So, I can speak about that. Yeah, So the tennis courts, they're starting on Wednesday, so the last day will be on Tuesday. But on this agenda today, we've reached an agreement with the village of with the summer club. They're going to allow our tennis members here to use their tennis courts. So, they were gracious enough to offer their courts to us. I want to thank them for extending that courtesy to our residents. Um, the agreement is going to be in effect until the end of this year and if need be, we can

extend it into the spring. Hopefully this project will be out of here by then, so we won't need it for the next spring. Um, but what's going to happen is once the agreement is if the board approves the agreement today, if anybody needs to use the court at the summer club, contact me at village hall. And they have a process there in the summer club to for reserving times and stuff like that a And I can I can set you up with a contact at the summer club to work on that. So yes. Oh I don't know why I'm.

(inaudible)

Jonneigh Adrion: Can you go to the microphone? **Trustee Arment:** Yeah. We have about 30 people on Zoom, so most of the attendees will only hear you if you're on the microphone. Thanks. **Roberta Geiger:** Hi, Joe. I spoke to Joe last week. (inaudible) **Mayor Mallott:** Uh, it's a Stormwater project, okay. It's not a sewer project. It's a stormwater project. **Roberta Geiger:** So, it's going to be 30ft dug down over here. They're going to be placed down (approximately). Okay. And how deep are they going to be digging to put the pipes in? Over? **Mayor Mallott:** Well, the project is a gravity project. Okay. So over by the sewer plant, it'll be almost ground level. Okay. It only has to pitch slightly, 9 degrees. I don't even think it's nine degrees, I think that's sewer water is nine degrees. But this is just stormwater. So, it would be street level over there. By the time it gets over here to Dehnhoff, it'll be much deeper. **Roberta Geiger:** Okay. Um, are we putting drains in? Yes. **Mayor Mallott:** There will be 14 drains between, uh, from the sewer department to Dehnhoff. **Speaker2:** Are they round, or are they like the one They're out here. **Mayor Mallott:** They're positioned in, uh. With the contours of the streets. That's all been gone through. So some places the streets will go up, some they'll go down a little bit. They're pitching everything to these 14, 14 drains. **Roberta Geiger:** Joe had explained that to me. Okay. Thank you very much. You're welcome.

Trustee Levine: Mr. Mayor, can I just ask a question of you regarding that same thing? All the side streets, the streets going to the ocean, those have already been pitched coming to downtown, correct? **Mayor Mallott:** That's correct. **Trustee Levine:** And with the exception of a couple of blocks on Midway, all the all the streets should pitch from the ocean to town. **Mayor Mallott:** They do, It's the natural contour of the beach that the beach is higher than it is down here. So, everything will come down this way. This is part of a bigger plan that probably most of us won't see is to replace the sewer lines. Okay, Now, I've explained this before that. 80% of the water that comes down from the sky and up from the ocean goes into the broken sewer lines. And comes down to town and goes to this sewer plant where the water is processed and then dumped into the bay. It is not an ideal situation. It costs us a lot of money because we have to process. Every one inch of water through this town is a million gallons. I think Kevin has told me several times. So, the idea is to redo our broken sewer lines, which are over 100 years old, as we all know, with a process, probably called pipe bursting, which means going through the right of ways and pushing a plastic pipe through the existing pipes and hooking everything up to the sewer line that's downtown here. So, that would be strictly sewer. But all that water that is now going into the sewer, the stormwater will migrate down to town. So instead of having 6in or 7in of water in town at that time, you would have over a foot of water in town. So, our first order of business is to take, to satisfy that is to do this stormwater drainage project. Okay, that's the beginning of it. The water will mitigate this way. It'll go into the drains. It'll come down here to the wagon park where it will be filtered and then pumped into the bay. Where the ferry comes in. So that's the idea of doing this. This is the beginning part of it. This is the first step. Okay. **Maria Silsdorf:** Do you want more questions on this topic. **Mayor Mallott:** If you got a question, you can ask it. Thank you.

Maria Silsdorf: Good morning, Maria. So, the two spots that I don't think are included in this project but seem to be the worst in my opinion, in terms of flooding and it may be out of scope. Maybe there's another solution is Bungalow and Main Street is just hideous.

Mayor Mallott: ok, let me go. Let me just tell you what happened. The bid process has limited the work that we can do. We wanted to do the whole village. We only have enough money to do from the sewer plant to Dehnhoff. The rest of the village from Dehnhoff to Ocean Road, will not be done at this time. We're currently looking for more grants. I don't want to borrow this money because I don't want to bankrupt the village here. We're looking for more grants to do from Dehnhoff to Ocean Road. There is some consensus that maybe it could be done in house. That little bit that we're looking at, it will consist of more drains. Obviously, the contours for the road are already on paper. So we know where we would need to put the drains and how we would do it. And again, it's not. You know, 30ft into the ground. It wouldn't take hopefully it wouldn't take too much de-watering to do it, and I think it could be done in house. If we don't get a grant for it. Obviously, this has got to get done. We'll see where we're at next May. Hopefully we can say this project is over and then we can start thinking about the rest of the town joining into this drainage system. At the same time, those points that you've, the pieces that you've pointed out need to change the transition, as you see right outside of Jen's building there,

that transition drops rapidly. That's where the water gathers. What we would do there is we would change that transition. There would be a drain, obviously, in that spot to drain that water into this stormwater system and take care of that flooding there and Bungalow walk through. So, and at the same time replace the sidewalks that are downtown that are broken, that need to be done.

Maria Silsdorf: So, regarding Bungalow, in my opinion, it's gotten worse since the Palms put pavers in. Has there been discussion with the new owners of the Palms to possibly adjust their flooring around there? Because that's not helping. It used to be porous grass and dirt and now it's pavers which exacerbates the problem. **Mayor Mallott:** We're looking at the problem that is down there to that end of the street will have to come up. We're also talking about drainage from a lot of the buildings. A lot of the buildings have no gutters. Actually, they do have gutters there, but they are just got it into the street. They need to be gutted somewhere else. But again, you know, water seeks its own level. You can push it to the back of the building, but it's lower in the front. The water is going to go that way. It's all part of the whole part of the plan that we're looking at that should be done, I would think, hopefully within three years to drain the downtown. Okay.

Maria Silsdorf: Thank you. The second area that concerns me and I had shared with Joe some videos that Josh Bloom and Scott Hirsch had provided. The I think there's general consensus at this point that the ferry basin is flawed in that the water that comes in actually has fish in it. So, it's clearly bay water coming in. It feels like that would work against everything that we're spending lots of money. **Mayor Mallott:** We're looking right now when we do this project, the stormwater will go out of the pipe that's in. We'll have to tear up some of the dock here.

Maria Silsdorf: So will you fix whatever vulnerability is that's letting the bay water in? Okay. And then the third and final is Midway was raised through what Cottage or Dehnhoff and then has a serious dip that that's going to impede the natural gravity to town. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay, let's address that problem there. We have a problem there. We didn't continue to raise midway at that point because if we raised midway from there and go to Surf View, the fire department will just flood. **Maria Silsdorf:** Right. The fire house. **Mayor Mallott:** The fire house. Right. So we are working with the Army Corps of Engineers now to finish the well at 503 Bayberry, which is just up the street here. When that project is done, then there will be a drain there. That will drain that water that's up on around the fire department there. Will bring it down to down here and out into.

Maria Silsdorf: That will enable you to. **Mayor Mallott:** That'll enable us to lift the rest of Midway **Maria Silsdorf:** and I'm guessing we don't know any timing on that. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, the Army Corps, you know. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** Actually, there's a meeting Tuesday where the project was finally they got all the approvals they needed. So they're preparing bid specs to. **Maria Silsdorf:** At that meeting are you also going to discuss the jetty removal? Is that part of that meeting? **Mayor Mallott:** It's all part of that meeting. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** Let's get the well done first. Okay. **Maria Silsdorf:** Well, that's the next natural step is the jetty. It's dependent on the well. Right. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, the deal I made with FEMA was that we needed new wells because the jetties was protecting our well field. We have got rid of one of the wells up there. And as soon as the new well comes online, it'll give us two new wells, the one here and the one on 503 Bayberry Then they can do whatever they need to do with the jetties. They're not our jetties. **Mayor Mallott:** They're not our jetties. And as long as we have nothing to threaten our water supply, then we won't stand in anybody's way.

Roberta Geiger: Roberta Geiger again. I thought I was under the impression that the village had put aside \$250,000 for this Fall to do something down by Bungalow to Ocean to fix that road, to fix the flooding, to do something down there. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, we'll, talk about it. It wasn't a budget item. And I don't know who told you that that was. **Roberta Geiger:** No, I heard it at a meeting here, I'm pretty sure. **Mayor Mallott:** No, I don't. (cross-conversation), that's a separate thing. There was a discussion No. Something about \$250 set aside. **Mayor Mallott:** I said it would probably cost us \$250,000. **Roberta Geiger:** Okay **Mayor Mallott:** To do that there, but don't want to put cement in down there. If I've got to rip it up again and put drains in. It all needs to be done at once. **Roberta Geiger:** Yeah, but you're saying you're saying it could be up to three years. **Mayor Mallott:** Could be. **Roberta Geiger:** Right now, people are tripping and falling. **Mayor Mallott:** We'll do the best we can to make it as safe as possible. **Roberta Geiger:** That's what we need. It's got to be safe. If not, you can't. When you walk in the flooded water of three inches, six inches, you can't see where you're going to trip or fall. It's up. It's missing. You know something's going to be done. Somebody's going to get really hurt. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, definitely. It's utmost in our minds, believe me. **Roberta Geiger:** Thank you.

George Eastman: George Eastman, I have a question. We are going to Dehnhoff with the flood mitigation plan as is planned. Is there going to be a future? Is a connection being made at that point to anticipate the water coming from further west to into the system? Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** Yes. Uh, okay. Where are we at, Joe? This is your, uh, administrators report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Joseph DiFrancisco: Yeah. No, I, um. Um, I spoke about the tennis courts, which is really what I want to talk about. Um, so we can move on. Okay. Superintendent's report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.
Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.
Chemical & Fuel supplies are full
Sludge Removal from the sewer plant scheduled for week of October 2nd

Water: Wells #2, #3 & #4 are operational
All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational
Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full
Repaired water leak of upper Surf View

Properties: Cut back Midway – trimmed bushes
Completed three (3) more bulk pick-ups completed for 2023 – no more scheduled
Wagon Park removed and relocated to Windswept
Bikes by Ferry Terminal were removed and relocated to Surf View near sewer plant
Basketball hoops take to Windswept for storage
Three (3) dedication benches put out
Removed volleyball poles from the beach
Benches and planters relocated from Ferry Terminal to outer dock terminal

Events: Completed: OBCF Art Show, OBRP Comedy Show, OBCF Pancake Breakfast, three (3) additional dock concerts, Steve Einig Sandpiper Race, OBCF Lindy Hop, VOBEC Beach cleanup cancelled
Upcoming: Bonfire rescheduled to October 7th

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Levine spoke

Peter Brennan: Morning, all. Oh. **Mayor Mallott:** Good morning, Pete. **Peter Brennan:** Peter Brennan reporting for the Ocean Beach Fire Department, first assistant chief. Good morning, Mr. Mayor and members of the board. To date, we have had 297 call outs. On August 17th, we had a firematic funeral service for our brother, Tim O'Rourke. A funeral was well attended by members wake also. Uh, we are currently working on updating our firehouse, our trucks, our tools, and our personal protective equipment. We are awaiting approval for the purchase of a new fire truck from the board and we thank you in advance for that. Truck #5 is in for repairs at this time. We'll be back in a few weeks. Our membership stands at 49. We have received new bunker gear for 17 members. We are in the process of updating our SOPs and our SOGs. Um, the it is our priority to retain members, to recruit new members and to provide training and education for all members. We currently have a number of people who are taking additional courses over and above the minimum requirement for New York State. Um, starting this week, we will begin repairs and upgrades to the firehouse. We have to put in a new ridge beam, as you probably aware of. And that's going to take 4 to 6 weeks. After that, they're going to begin project on the new doors. The project can take anywhere from 12 to 16 weeks to complete. **Mayor Mallott:** 4 to 6 weeks for that new ridge?

Chief Hesse: It'll probably take a week, Jim, But set up and, you know, yeah, they're going to start staging Wednesday. And we had a meeting up there today. We moved a bunch of equipment around, especially preparation for the storm today and this weekend. But we're going to jockey around some vehicles. I spoke to Kevin. We're going to put two of the vehicles in his garage. We're going to keep our main response. Ambulance, a first new truck up at the house. **Mayor Mallott:** You'll be responding from the house. **Chief Hesse:** We'll be responding from the house. Went over some new procedures today on the response in case we need the second do or second ambulance. Truck one is going to go off the beach to Bayshore, which will be confirmed on Monday to store it in their garage. Because tell you the truth, with the elements, I don't want to leave it outside. And we don't have a facility big enough to really store one. **Mayor Mallott:** Who's driving off? Tommy. **Peter Brennan:** Tommy or Randy? **Chief Hesse:** No, Tommy. Tommy is not driving it off either. Franklin, Donnie or Drew. Drew Becker. Okay, we're, you know, we're all talking about it, so we'll put it together

and go. **Mayor Mallott:** It'll go on the beach? **Chief Hesse:** Uh, it'll go inland off. Off the beach. **Mayor Mallott:** Would it be better to ship it off? **Chief Hesse:** No, no. **Mayor Mallott:** We'll drive it off. You're happy we're driving it? **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, it'll be fine. It's. It's maintained. You know, it'll. It'll get off the beach. No problem. We were actually supposed to be in Yaphank today, but with the inclement weather. I made a decision to cancel Yaphank because I didn't want to ruin or possibly break down any other trucks moving forward because we're out our first due right now. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you, Chief. I'm sorry to interrupt.

Peter Brennan: No worries. Um, okay, so, as the chief said, we're going to stage our trucks in various locations around the village. We're going to respond to the firehouse and or go get the equipment in its various far flung locations. Um, so just a couple of words about the fire at 310 Cottage on September 7th, 2:45pm. We were activated for an active structure fire at Taco Beach Restaurant in the accommodations above in the second floor. Uh, Chief Hess responded within five minutes and was attacking the fire within five minutes. Our first truck, which was truck seven at that time, had water on the fire. In seven minutes with Chief Drew Becker, Captain Burke, and his crew. Um, the fire, it took one hand line to knock the fire down. The fire was knocked down in 15 minutes and overhaul was begun approximately 50 minutes after that. Um. You know, I stand here to applaud our members, all of our members, 19 of our members responded. It was a fantastic response. We had five fire departments respond from Fire Island. Uh, three fire departments responded from the mainland in approximately 30 minutes, which is a great response. A great response for resources to a fire here. Um. You know, just as I say, I applaud our members that five it was five minutes additional. It would have been an entirely different event. So, it needs to be recognized. The actions that we've taken to knock this down really quick.

Mayor Mallott: It was a great save. **Trustee Moritz:** Definitely. **Peter Brennan:** Um. **Speaker(?):** Thank you. **Peter Brennan:** Then finally, on behalf of all members of the fire department, we would like to thank the village and the entire community for the support that we got on the pancake breakfast, which was awesome this year. Thank you, Kevin **Chief Hesse:** And I think we want to keep it at the community house. **Peter Brennan:** So, we set a precedent that we will keep the same. **Chief Hesse:** Sorry, Kevin. **Peter Brennan:** That's all I got for you, Mr. Mayor.

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke

Chief Hesse: Good job. Yeah. So. Uh, so the season's coming to an end? I started to minimize our staff already. Um. I'm already prepping for next year. And, you know, staff wise, we're losing about eight members going into next year, next season. Many of our younger members are moving on to great things. Suffolk County PD, a couple of them. Suffolk County Corrections. One went to West Hampton Beach PD full time. So, we're losing some really good, hard-working members and it's going to be hard to replace them. But we tried to sponsor another ten recruits to go to the academy that just started on Monday, and we only had one attain the ability to go because the other nine just failed out in some capacity. So, if anybody's, you know, anybody looking for a part time job that's already a certified police officer, send them my way. Anybody that has retired from New York City, Nassau County, Suffolk County PD that's looking for some part time work. Absolutely. Send me a resume and come and sit with me and talk to me and we'll get you on. Um, just everybody today, you know, be aware with the ferries doing, they're changing the schedule with the storm. I think as of tonight, they cancelled the two latest ferries, and I don't know what they chose for tomorrow yet. I haven't heard if anybody's heard. They're fully operational. All right. As of now. All right. We'll see. It's a slow-moving storm, so expect flooding. If you if you're thinking you're going to leave tonight or early tomorrow, maybe leave this afternoon, you know.

Mayor Mallott: The last boat out of here will be the six, the 640 this evening.

Chief Hesse: Just a heads up. So, you know, coming to the end of the season, as of right now, the department wrote 730 tickets pretty much quadrupled I think what we wrote last year and that number is going to go up because we still have investigations going and some code enforcement things that we're still looking at where it pertains to illegal rentals and some of the fire violations and some of the establishments. But like I said, we're starting to cut back staff as of Columbus Day will be down to single man tours. But we're always here. We're here 24/7. So, if you need something, don't hesitate to call us. And a little bit of good news. Over the course of the summer. You know, I work closely with the Suffolk County DA's office and something kind of came out of the blue with some asset forfeiture stuff here in the village with some illegal activity that's been going on. It's still under investigation, but. The DA's office said we would not a certified police department and quite didn't comprehend what that meant. So, I called the Division of Criminal Justice Services and had to do some SOPs and rules and procedures, updates and stuff like that. And as of 9/14/2023, the Accreditation Council voted to approve and grant our agency certification in accordance with the mandatory certification programs. So, you know, some hard work went into that and. And what really helps us in that is if we get a, you know, some kind of a big criminal caper here and there's some asset forfeiture involved in that, and the police department does participate in that, that

actually helps us get some asset forfeiture funds. So, it's actually a nice little perk. So, with that, if anybody has any questions.

Trustee Levine: Yeah. Chief, got a question? We're not a question, but a statement. Um, for months that I've been on this board, I've been listening to you and you've been talking about how you don't have enough tools in your toolbox when it comes to enforcement of some of your laws. And you've been talking about the whether you call them backpack kids or the kids that come over. So, I took some of the paperwork that you gave me and I sent it over to Ken Gray and asked him if he would just put some something in writing that we can discuss here with the residents and with the board and see if we can come up with some more tools for you to use for next year.

Chief Hesse: I'll add to that and I'll explain in a little bit of that. We got to make some of these parents that send their unsupervised kids over here responsible. And right now, we don't have anything in our code book that allows me to do that. So, we came up with some ideas and with some other villages. I made a lot of phone calls this year to some of the other chiefs of police throughout New York State. And if kids are getting in trouble over here and they're unsupervised and they're under 18, we can actually write the parents the ticket for that violation if it needs to be done. It just gives me an extra tool to enforce certain things, to maybe control these kids a little bit a little bit more. So, thank you for that. And I'm sure Ken Gray and I'll be chatting over the next couple of months because to tell you the truth, I'd like to get some things in place before next summer and be ready to go. **Trustee Levine:** So, I spoke with Ken before this meeting, and we're going to try to have some paperwork for the next meeting next month. So, we'll see if we can. **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, that has to be some legislation that's drawn up. It has to go to state, get approved. There's a process involved and Ken knows the process pretty well, so we'll get her done. Thank you, Ian. Thanks, Board.

LIFEGUARD REPORT:

Jillian Weinstein: Awesome. Thank you. Uh, we have the beach closed this weekend. I had someone go over this morning and put some signs up with chains that I believe Kevin and his men helped us with the hooks. So, there's chains now going across every walk that say beach closed. No lifeguards on duty. Swim at your own risk. So please respect that, because at high tide, the beach right now does not seem safe at all. The water is all the way up to the dunes. Um, we are very fortunate. Actually. At the height of our season, the water was really calm. We didn't have any crazy storms like we do now, so we had very few rescues. End of season, just a couple pickups with our grounds and we had one line rescue. Um, we'll be back guarding one stand off a bungalow walk next weekend. So, September 30th - October 1st, that will be our last weekend of guarding and then we'll be back the next weekend, October 7th and 8th, to put all our equipment away and repair the dune fence. Um, right now, the way the beach looks, there are just some areas that I don't think will be able to get dune fence in. It's just cut out too much. Um, and I don't think they make dune fence that's like tall enough to really have an impact there. So, we're going to do our best to just go along the entire length of beach and repair all that dune fence. But again, I am anticipating just some areas that we won't be able to fully repair. Um, and lastly, I just want to thank you all for your appreciation this season for the lifeguards and all your support. It was a great season for us and we're just really fortunate to be a part of this community. So, thank you.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Resolution No. 2023-110: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

1. Add Item #20 – Authorization & Approval of Agreement with Summer Club for Tennis Court Use
2. Add Item #21 – Authorization & Approval to Purchase New Fire Truck
3. Add Item #22 – Authorization & Approval of Netter Realty Agreement

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2023-111: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda, unless otherwise indicated, are Type II, pursuant to SEQRA, and, therefore, no further environmental review is required; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the SEQRA declaration on all action items as Type II, unless otherwise indicated on this Agenda.

Trustee Moritz seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENT OF FULL TIME CLERK: Resolution No. 2023-112: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach wishes to hire Ryann Murray, Clerk, as a full-time employee; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach approves the hiring of Ryann Murray on a full-time basis, effective October 1st, 2023, with the following terms of employment:

37.5 hr. week, to include some Saturdays,

\$25.00 per hour, to be paid from line item A1325.100

Medical Insurance benefits to commence as of November 1st, 2023;

Employee to contribute 10% toward the medical plan,

Employee to be eligible for two (2) weeks of vacation, pro-rated for this fiscal year, as of October 1st, 2023, for any employee benefits not listed, the employee handbook terms shall apply

Employee must complete a one (1) month probationary period working full-time.

Trustee Moritz seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: welcome aboard Ryan Murray. **Speaker2:** I think Ryan will be a terrific addition. (inaudible) **Trustee Arment:** We've had a few unfilled spots. **Trustee Moritz:** Right, Right. Yeah. **Mayor Mallott:** It's in. It's in the budget.

ACCEPT & APPROVE NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED, INC. DATA IMAGING AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2023-113: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk wishes to retain the services of a qualified data imaging services company to scan village documents and records in preparation for archiving; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has received a proposal dated June 22, 2023 for such services from the New York State Industries for the Disabled Inc., a copy of which on file with the Village Office;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach accepts and approves the Phase II proposal submitted by New York State Industries for the Disabled Inc., in the amount of \$52,125.00 for the imaging of 126 banker boxes of records, to be paid from line item A1320.441; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Mayor is authorized to execute the proposal and make payments consistent with the terms therein

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: Bunny. Would you like to address this? Tell the public what we're doing here please. **Jonneigh Adrion:** I've never spoken before. **Trustee Levine:** I don't believe it. **Mayor Mallott:** Open. Mouth. Insert foot. Good start. **Trustee Hargraves:** And we gave you a microphone.

Jonneigh Adrion: Okay, so the village has some storage units on the mainland that contain about 400 boxes of village records that have not been scanned. So, they're not digitized in any way. So, the only way to access them is to go to the mainland. And because there were several hands in the pot there, you know, it's very hard to determine what is actually in each box and whatnot. We also have after we had the unfortunate incident with the flood, we kind of threw everything into boxes to try to remove make some room in the office so that they were able to work. In doing that, we created about 149 boxes of I know of items that have not been scanned and whatnot. So, our goal is to try and get control over the items that we have to have them digitized so that the village has access to the records and that we're able to preserve our records and maintain the records at our fingertips, which would be a huge advantage. It's a huge undertaking, and I do intend next year to apply when they grant cycle is available for New York State Archives for a grant to continue to do this because it will probably take several years to do so.

Mayor Mallott: This is just the beginning. The \$52,000 is just a kickoff number. We estimate that this will be, well north of \$150,000 to get this this done. We will budget some money in the next budget for this project, not all of it, because I think we can spread it out over three years to get it done. But it definitely needs to get done and get a move on. So, we'll find this. This is not in the budget, but we'll find it somewhere in the budget so we can start this process. **Trustee Levine:** Bunny, you also applied for a grant for the court documents which you have received in the past as well. So, you have started doing those documents.

Jonneigh Adrion: And yes, so the justice of the OCA offers what they call a JCAP grant, which I applied for last year. We received we were able to do 45 boxes of court records which the village did not have to pay for. We received a grant for I am again, it's on this agenda applying for that same grant. It's not for the same amount because we don't have as many records as the village does, but we're going to continue forward with that as well.

Maria Silsdorf: So, Bunny. This is just another idea on potential funding is a lot of the colleges who have archival science departments will offer this to their students as their thesis or externship and offer those. You can get a grant from a school like Long Island University digitized started to work on the Historical Society digitization. So that may just be another opportunity, another outlet to get money to fund this and have a contact at LIU through the FIA that I can share with you. Yeah, I'll take it. **Andrea Nimberger:** Just a quick question. Do we get rid of the paper when after there's digitized and reduce our expense in this?

Jonneigh Adrion: So, New York State has a retention schedule. It's about 200 pages long. And for the most part, there are a lot of items like, let's say, permits, vehicle permits and stuff like that that only have a retention period of 6 to 7 years. So, anything beyond that, we're able to shred and anything that's either permanent records or we have to hold for an extensive period of time, such as employment records, which are 55 years, is the retention we can request with New York State and I suggest we do and eventually when we get there, when we have our records scanned, that if to ask if we destroy them, you have to put certain measures into place to protect your digitized files. But yeah, we will be able to eventually, you know, permanent records. I think we should hold on to obviously all of our property files and stuff like that, whatever we can. But yeah, we'll go.

Mayor Mallott: It'll go into a temperature controlled, environmentally controlled unit place vault. Yeah. **Bob Stack:** Can the record should be accessed remotely. **Jonneigh Adrion:** Yes. **Bob Stack:** Last question was, if you have any overage of for your grant for the courts, can it go to the village? **Ken Gray:** No. **Bob Stack:** Okay. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** If there's any money left from the courts, we'll have a party. **Trustee Levine:** A shredding party. **Trustee Arment:** A really boring party

APPROVAL OF 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES: Resolution No. 2023-114: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024 (Grievance Day)
- Saturday, March 23, 2024
- Saturday, April 13, 2024 (Budget Public Hearing)
- Saturday, April 27, 2024 (Public Hearing & Adopt Budget)
- Saturday, May 18, 2024
- Saturday, June 15, 2024
- Saturday, July 13, 2024
- Saturday, August 17, 2024
- Saturday, September 14, 2024
- Saturday, October 19, 2024
- Saturday, November 16, 2024
- Saturday, December 14, 2024

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF 2024 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY DATES: Resolution No. 2023-115: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

Monday, January 1, 2024	-	New Year's Day 2024
Monday, January 15, 2024	-	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 12, 2024	-	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 19, 2024	-	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 27, 2024	-	Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 19, 2024	-	Juneteenth Day
Thursday, July 4, 2024	-	Independence Day
Monday, September 2, 2024	-	Labor Day
Monday, October 14, 2024	-	Columbus Day
Monday, November 11, 2024	-	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 28, 2024	-	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2024	-	Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	-	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	-	Christmas Day

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF 2024 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING DATES: Resolution No. 2023-116: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

- Saturday, January 6, 2024
- Saturday, February 3, 2024
- Saturday, March 2, 2024
- Saturday, April 6, 2024
- Saturday, May 4, 2024
- Saturday, June 1, 2024
- Saturday, July 6, 2024
- Saturday, August 3, 2024
- Saturday, September 7, 2024
- Saturday, October 5, 2024
- Saturday, November 2, 2024
- Saturday, December 7, 2024

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF 2024 PLANNING BOARD & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING DATES: Resolution No. 2023-117: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

- Saturday, January 20, 2024
- Saturday, February 17, 2024
- Saturday, March 23, 2024
- Saturday, April 13, 2024
- Saturday, May 18, 2024
- Saturday, June 22, 2024
- Saturday, July 20, 2024
- Saturday, August 24, 2024
- Saturday, September 21, 2024
- Saturday, October 19, 2024
- Saturday, November 16, 2024
- Saturday, December 14, 2024

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (NYCOM) 2023 PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING SCHOOL: Resolution No. 2023-118: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach's desire to give encouragement to its employees, in an effort to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their village positions, and training programs are essential concerning pertinent updates and changes and to facilitate the Village in regard to municipal law, government maintenance and operations and local finance issues;

Now, therefore, it is hereby,

RESOLVED that Richard Schelling, Waste Water Plant Manager and any elected Board of Trustee members, are authorized to attend NYCOM's 2023 Public Works Fall Training School in Lake Placid, NY on October 16th, 2023 through October 18th, 2023, costs to include \$420.00 class registration, meals, lodging and travel expenses each, to be paid from the following line items A1230.472, G8120.493, F8340.493

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: That's for public works training, I don't know if any of the things you want to go public works. **Trustee Arment:** Oh, definitely not. But I do want to I do want to thank the village. Some of us went to the NYCOM officers and clerks and training school last week, this past week. And it's very, very valuable. We learn a ton and, you know, we come back both fulfilled and scared in a lot of ways, but it's all in good stuff. So, we learn a ton and we very much thank the public for sending us there. It's a drop in the bucket and it's really worth it.

AUTHORIZATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEES/FINES AND LEGISLATION: Resolution No. 2023-119: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach reviews certain codes and makes changes from time to time by resolution; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach would like to have a public hearing to amend fees/fines and legislation;
Now, therefore, it is hereby
RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:30 am for the purpose of amending fees and consideration of new legislation.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR OCEAN BEACH VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT GRANT: Resolution No. 2023-120: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System has announced that applications will be accepted for 2023-2024 Justice Court Assistance Program Grants; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees seeks to undertake the scanning and archiving of court records; and
Now, therefore, it is hereby
Be it RESOLVED the Board of the Village of Ocean Beach authorizes the Ocean Beach Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2023-2024 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.
Be it further RESOLVED that the Mayor and Court Clerk are authorized to execute such documents consistent with this resolution.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Trustee Levine: Mr. Mayor, can I just ask a question? Going back to the approval of the trustee meeting dates on January 9th. That's a Tuesday. We're going to have that meeting in the evening or in the afternoon or. **Mayor Mallott:** January 9th is a Tuesday. **Trustee Levine:** That's what it says here. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** Yes, we can. We can change it if you'd like, but **Trustee Levine:** No, I'm okay with it. I'm just asking, is it going to be available? **Joseph DiFrancisco:** It would be earlier, yes. Based on the fire schedule. **Trustee Levine:** Okay. Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** What time is that meeting on that Tuesday. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** We'll have to see what the schedule is at that time of the year. **Mayor Mallott:** Why are we doing it? Why do we suddenly go to Tuesdays? You thought it'd be a good idea? **Ken Gray:** He

was in mood for tacos. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** Well, we had a we had a meeting on a Monday, and we had a very large turnout. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, it won't be anybody here in in in January. **Joseph DiFrancisco:** Okay, So then we can change it, move it back to Saturday. **Mayor Mallott:** All right. We'll talk about. **Trustee Moritz:** Saturday is okay. We'll have to look at it. All right. **Mayor Mallott:** We'll talk about it. Look, we got plenty of time between.

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH SUMMER CLUB FOR TENNIS COURT USE:

Resolution No. 2023-121: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach and Summer Club Condominium have reached an Agreement to permit Village Residents to utilize Summer Club's tennis courts, as more fully set forth in the Agreement,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, the Agreement is hereby approved by the Village Board of Trustees and the Mayor is authorized to execute such Agreement.

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: I'd like to thank the Summer Club for their cooperation in this very nice and excellent.

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW FIRE TRUCK: Resolution No. 2023-122: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Ocean Beach Fire Department is in need of a new fire truck to ensure the safety of Village residents and properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Fire Department has researched the necessary equipment to handle the unique circumstances of operating a fire department on a barrier beach island; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Fire Department has identified a company, Firematic Supply Company, Inc. that can provide an appropriate vehicle that is available through state bids,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED the Village hereby approves and ratifies the purchase of the Fire Department vehicle from Firematic Supply Company, Inc., at a price not to exceed \$550,000.

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Trustee Levine: Can, George, just talk about the truck and tell us what's going on. And, you know, I know this process started like two years ago that we've been looking for this truck to replace one of our trucks. And George has been the key person working on it. So can you just explain what what's going on to all the other trustees and the people watching and.

Chief Hesse: Yeah, so for the last several months, I know we've brought it up at just about every board meeting. We spoke about it. But yeah, we've, we went out to the bid process or I should say we scouted a bunch of different companies that do these kinds of builds. And we settled on a local company here on Long Island that could fit our need with the type of mini pumper that we utilize here. It's the same size as #5 and #7, which is our two main vehicles. It's going to replace truck #4, which is starting to be a little, I should say, a lot antiquated. It's a manual shift and there's a bunch of guys in the department that can't drive it. So that's part of the that's one of the many issues. But it is old and it needs to be replaced. And a lot of man hours went into this truck to design it. And it's state of the art. It's going to be fantastic for our needs. And as you all know, I mean, our fire district isn't just Ocean Beach. It goes from Atlantic to, I think, Ice Street and Seaview and our ambulance goes as far as Oakleyville, I think. Right. So, we need this equipment because we do get multiple calls at a time and it's going to suit our needs. I'm very excited. Um, you know, the price is not to exceed

\$550,000. The quoted bid price, just so everybody knows, is \$496,000. And I really hope it doesn't go over that a penny. So, we put a lot of sweat and tears into this truck. And I think it's going to be perfect for us.

Trustee Levine: George, just so you know, there was language in the contract or language that was discussed. I didn't see the contract, but I saw was part of the meetings that where they talked about that now contracts that are long term for build outs and stuff like that can have a clause in it that the price can go up. And that's why George put a little extra money in there. I did reach out to the lawyers at NYCOM and they did say it is a common practice now. Yeah, and it is okay. Yeah. **Chief Hesse:** So yeah, there is sometimes, you know, with the state of affairs in the world right now trying to get equipment prices do kind of slightly incline. So, I would, I wouldn't expect it to go up any more than 20%. So, I think the \$550k number was a good number to sit at If we needed to increase that a little bit. **Trustee Levine:** And what's the time frame on the build out of the chassis and everything? **Chief Hesse:** Well, the chat, the good thing about the company that we chose to is that the chassis is ordered already and they start to build the truck before the chassis arrives. So, they don't wait for the chassis, then build the rest of the body. So um, they say about 14 months, which actually is really good in comparison to the other companies. **Trustee Levine:** Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** And we're going to utilize whatever we can offer the old truck. **Chief Hesse:** Oh, absolutely. Any of the equipment that's on that truck? Um, well, you know, like I said, we plan this truck in accordance to the standards of what we use already, like intakes, outputs of five inches. I did everything at five inches. We designed the truck around the needs that we could use one thing from one truck onto another truck. So. **Mayor Mallott:** And then the other, the old truck will be auctioned off? **Chief Hesse:** Yeah. Either that or hopefully we can out and out sell it and get some money. **Mayor Mallott:** thank you chief. All right. **Chief Hesse:** You bet. **Trustee Arment:** In the meantime, if anybody needs me to teach them how to drive stick, I'll do it. **Chief Hesse:** Well, I know how to drive.

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL OF NETTER REALTY AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2023-123: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, Netter Realty has been displaced from their offices due to a fire, and;

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that they are not currently using the space that is identified as the Village Historical Society; and,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village approves and authorizes the leasing of said space to Netter Realty on a month-to-month basis, not to go beyond May 1, 2024.

Trustee Hargraves seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS:

Maria Silsdorf: Good morning again. I just want to share with the audience, um, what has happened with the very many events that were planned for this weekend and have now been unplanned I guess so. The Bonfire, which we were all excited about for tonight, has been postponed until Saturday, October 7th. That's the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. So, this was determined after discussion with Dawn and Ian and Kevin and Jill and George. So, thank you to everyone for making that happen. So, it's Saturday, October 7th, the Clothing Drive that was sponsored by the Ocean Beach Association with support from the ferries is next Sunday, now October 1st. So, we will collect clean and gently used clothing here at the ferry terminal. Dave Anderson On Sunday, October 1st, Dave Anderson and his crew will send it over to Bay Shore on Monday and then Beacon Veterans Home in Bay Shore will pick it up on Tuesday. So, I expect a lot since we haven't had a clothing drive in four years since pre-COVID. In partnership with the Ocean Beach Fire Department, The Ocean Beach Association sponsors a food drive to take advantage of people closing their homes and put the first box on the front porch of the fire hall today. And that will go on Saturday and Sundays for the next few weekends. The coastal cleanup sponsored by VOBEC, which was planned for tomorrow, which was a reschedule, is now canceled. So, there will be no coastal cleanup, unfortunately. Um, and the lecture in Point O' Woods, which was featuring our very own Johnny Parham, speaking on the history of Ocean Beach, has been now postponed until June of 2024 and Point O' Woods. So those were all kind of the village events. Um, next Saturday morning at 9:30, I, along with several other homeowners here in Corneille and Ocean Beach and Seaview, are sponsoring a fundraiser at the Island Mermaid with Scott Hirsch for Dave Colon, who is running to replace Steve Bellone as Suffolk County executive. Steve Bellone is

termed out. So, if anyone's interested in attending that event, it is next Saturday morning at 9:30am at The Mermaid. So thank you.

Andrea Nimberger: Thank you. Andrea Nimberger. Yes. I just want to extend a huge thank you to the fire department. Don't think that this is this is all good. I don't think that the residents of Ocean Beach and Seaview or surrounding areas understand how much you guys do. And yes, my son is a volunteer now, which is why I've been enlightened as to all the training that everybody goes through. And I've heard comments recently from people saying that they don't think it's worthwhile donating to the fire department, which pisses me off to no end. And I would actually love to publish those names, which I would never do, so that when there's a fire, maybe they're not the first people that we run to. But obviously we would never do that. Yeah, because I don't think anybody realizes the training that all of you have gone through that are involved in the fire department and every single person here that is trained to be a real fireman, especially with all the monster houses that are going up now, the training has gotten much more serious than it was ever required because putting out a fire in a building that's now, what, 25ft up, maybe their roof, I'm not sure what the actual dimensions are is a lot different than the way it is to be out here. So, I think more people out here need to fund the fire department and appreciate how much you guys all done. And then my other question is, how much do you think the electricity for the heat will be at the Historical Society? It might run even more than \$1,500 a month.

Mayor Mallott: No, it's included in the \$1,500. **Andrea Nimberger:** It's right. But we the village pays the bills. I just want to make sure that we're not losing money. **Mayor Mallott:** We're not losing money. **Andrea Nimberger:** Okay, cool. Okay. **Mayor Mallott:** And Andrea, let me just add with the with the your comments about the fire department and people who doubt the fire department, the fire department or the EMS shows up at your front door once you're converted, you know what they do. **Trustee Levine:** That's a fact. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay. And, you know, the amount of money that we put into this and the amount of money that the districts pay is very, very minimal when you come down to a daily. Uh, number. **Chief Hesse:** For the services you get that. **Mayor Mallott:** That everybody puts in in order to be able to do this, there are untold amounts of time and effort that go into being a volunteer fireman. You know, when I joined the department, when I joined the department 50 years ago. **Trustee Levine:** Our biggest expense was paying for the hay for the horses and everything. **Mayor Mallott:** It consisted of putting your beer on the on the bar and getting on the fire truck. Those days are over, okay? It takes a lot of work and a lot of dedication on all of these kids and all of these men and women that volunteer to do this work. And we can't thank them enough. Thank you for saying that.

Trustee Moritz: I cannot thank them enough. It could have been a lot worse. But wanted to talk to Andrea. You expressed your concerns about the safety of the kids riding the bikes at school. I want to thank the school board for putting up a, you know, temporary fence gate, um, to stop that from happening. The dangers of the kids driving now and it is emergency friendly. So, thank you Lisa Kaufman and the school board. Thank you.

Camille Giugliano: Um, Camille Giugliano, the co-chair of Bobeck, have two announcements. One is thank you for apprising people, the cancellation of the beach cleanup. We were very distressed to do that. And I just want to explain that we picked a couple of weekends out and it turned out that because everybody, the VOBEC members had September 16th on their calendars, the next subsequent weeks, not everybody was available and it looked like we might do October 1st. High tide was at 9:08 a.m. and so we sadly canceled that. So, I just want to apologize the community for that. The second thing uh, the second thing I wanted to say is that we are at VOBEC is actively working toward our last event of the season, which is Dune Day, Saturday, November 4th. We are actively trying to procure with the help and assistance. And thank you very much to Joe DiFrancisco, he's been pivotal in this obtaining dune grass And so everybody mark your calendar. We're going to be planting doom grass on some designated block of Ocean Beach to be determined. But November 4th rain date will be November 5th. Thank you.

Chief Hesse: That's some entrance there, George. **George Eastman:** Hi. George Eastman. I've spoken to a number of trustees over the last couple of years with more intensity or more purpose. This last summer, having after the first couple of seasons realized that needed some audio visual aids or visual representation to get people to understand my idea for solving some of the problems we've been looking at for the last 20 years relative to the wagon park and the tennis court. It involves raising the tennis courts where the surface is approximately ten feet above grade and creating what looks to be a footprint of about 12,500ft² of new space in the village that we can use for whatever we want. Obviously, the first most important part, which we've been listening to people talking about the wagon park for the last 20 years, is to create more space for wagons and bikes. I think in my thinking to get move this forward, I'm thinking that in the I'm not naive in thinking that this is something that we're going to do as the tennis court is going to be revamped in May when the current

project is done. I think this is more of a long-term plan along the lines of what Lady Ragusa did many years ago when she advocated for putting grass on the field. I don't know of many people go back far enough to understand that that was a sandlot, as was the tennis court area was donated by. **Mayor Mallott:** Eugene Clegg. **George Eastman:** From Cleggs. We got that. This was a I recall this being a sand lot. **Mayor Mallott:** And then a tennis court. **George Eastman:** And then a tennis. **Mayor Mallott:** Court. One court, Right.

George Eastman: So, the idea is for some long-term thinking, I've prepared these concept art. That's something from my industry over the years. Storyboarding and concept art is to get just to plant the seed, to think about what the possibilities might be. I've talked to an architectural firm that did work for me on my rebuild after Sandy and they have experience. It's a Mike Dunn who lives on Fair Harbor Architects. A lot of work here is familiar with doing municipal work, understands prevailing wage and permitting and as a municipality, and they have offered their ability before they turn the taxi meter on to meet with us if we want to pursue, you know, thinking and planning for the next step. I think in the interim, in thinking about the solution for the wagon park, I've been kind of thinking that we need if to prevent what the new wagon park from just devolving into what we've currently **Mayor Mallott:** the old wagon, **George Eastman:** the old wagon park is, we're going to need some management the same way we have a dock master to organize and keep the docks up to our regulations. In terms of people using it, I think we need to consider perhaps rebuilding in the short term the dock master.

George Eastman: But if that's coming down as part of this thing to accommodate a little more space, I see in there they're doing tennis balls and tennis rackets for people that are coming by. If that's going to turn into a de facto recreation support center, that they need a little more space. And we should probably have be able to accommodate a wagon master facility that would help manage the wagons. I have some thoughts that obviously in terms of funding as summer jobs for college high school students, I certainly remember wagons as a six, seven and eight year old boy out here pulling luggage and making some bucks on the side. And then in the 50s, I think the idea that there is wagon organization, people run it like a coat check. I think we might want to revisit Jimmy's idea, which I was very much for in terms of standardizing wagons. That section of it might be for that where you can't come and leave and it gets checked. I think if people want to use their own wagons in this current park, I understand from the meeting we're perhaps squeezing the tennis courts three feet further. **Mayor Mallott:** Trying to get a little more wagon park space.

George Eastman: That's correct. I still think if this is about 100ft, three 300ft is about the size of a decent sized living room. I don't know how much more square footage, how many more wagons that might accommodate. But I think if we start thinking of it as a coat check scenario in terms of revenue, I think if we offer a good service, I think we might get a seasoned fee for putting your wagon there, especially with Corneille and Summer Club. Although if summer club is now letting us use the tennis court, maybe we have quid pro quo on the wagon park. But Robin's Rest, um, Corneille and Summer Club certainly store wagons here. Um, I think, I don't know if we would have a tiered fee, but I think we could offer services there previous to having a much larger space should we eventually get the, the lift done. Um, that we can have a website and if you're on the ferry, you can go to an app, say I'm on, I'm, I have wagon spot number 59 and wagon can be waiting for you here. I think a crew of 4 to 6 people over the course of the summer as summer work could keep the organization, keep the wagon park from devolving into just a mass of large wagons stacked on top of each other. As far as the design for that, whether we go back to the hanging vertical or we have a shelved situation for a longer term, I think any combination of design, I think we should probably maybe have a committee or if there's nothing set yet for designing the new footprint for the wagon park, um, we should consider it as far as the lifting, the platform that I've proposing would re-establish the old footprint, going over to where this I'm reminded now where my son played basketball for many years. You see the markings on the wagon park revealed from where it was. I think we can have a constituency of now pickleball, which I've included that on the on the drawing. We certainly have a vociferous tennis contingent that will go a long way. And I'm hoping that we might be able to get some volunteers or people interested in participating in the further discussion and design of how this might be utilized. There was also a picture just in terms of pickleball, and I put this out there. I did not have a chance to meet with Chris Brahe since the tournament basketball tournament. But there was a picture yesterday that we got from somebody on Park Avenue. They set up a pickleball court and one of the things using a rollout mat and people were playing pickleball on that, I think that's something that could be included. Um, you could certainly the way we do it at the basketball court now at the school to play, we got to chalk the lines each time, but we may want to think about getting some mats to be rolled out and rolled up. And that way tennis courts, we might be able to have some basketball time in the new footprint and shared with pickleball. I think some of the tennis courts might be able to be converted with a rollout mat so they could go pickleball afternoon. Occasionally there's enough, I think, flexibility in terms of empty court time in the course of the day that that could be accommodated.

Trustee Levine: George, just so you know, Jen and I did have a meeting with, an unofficial meeting that wasn't deciding anything or anything like that, but we met with some of the tennis players and I've been playing pickleball a little bit at the end of the summer. So, we do get what's going on. First of all, I think your idea is way out of the box and it's thinking way beyond my thoughts were and I and I do like it and I wish we would have had it a year ago. Well, you know, it would have been great. But it's something that we could look for in the future. But as far as the courts are going, something that I would like to see and again, I'm just one vote I think one of our courts should be designated for the carpet that they were using because that seems to be what the tennis players like. And the other court could be a universal court where it could be a concrete base where we can have two pickleball nets on there for two courts. We can have one tennis court, you know, and it could be alternate hours that you can do different things. At night, it can turn into a basketball court. So, it would be for everything and it would meet all the surfaces. The older tennis players do like the carpet. So, I think we should put that back. But we are talking about it amongst ourselves and we will reach out to the public. I'm sure the mayor will authorize us to do that and have a final decision that we can give to the contractor in the future to decide what the final courts are going to look like for at least the next year.

George Eastman: Well, I'm not naive enough to think that this is something that we can hurry up and push this through and get use the money from. They're going to do and build this platform that's not in the cards.

Trustee Levine: That's why I said if we would have had it a year or two ago, I don't think anybody doesn't like this idea. It fixes a lot of our problems, you know, wagon space. We'd have a lot more space for that offices, for the dock masters and everybody else. And it would be adding an extra court so we wouldn't have to put a special surface down. Right. Well, I.

George Eastman: Think with the picture I'll send I didn't really put it on my hard drive, but I didn't realize I'm so far behind Marco technologically that I have a USB standard and he's got the new Max with the C only. So now I've got to start carrying around a converter. **Trustee Arment:** In all fairness, they're both standards.

George Eastman: I'm going to I'll send Marco the, the nine Jpeg images I have hopefully along with this mat. I think your situation in terms of doing multiple surfaces, I'm thinking that this rollout mat for pickleball could might not need to compromise one court in terms of having them both carpeted just as a as a thought. It's also might be something we can use at the school to roll up and roll out the mats instead of having to chalk and worry about the rain, washing the courts away and be faster. Anyway, if we can put those up on the village website, **(drawings available in the Village Office)** just let people know as an idea we can continue this like the resurfacing with grass of the old softball field, which certainly serves us well since it's done, I think what, 30, 40 years ago. And I think this might be some planning for the future that we could anticipate. Matt told me a long time ago, if you come to the board with an idea, definitely come with some funding ideas. I have some thoughts on that, but that's not for later. But I think if we get to this to the point where it could be shovel ready and we start looking for recreation grants, I know I talked to Joe, there might be funding availability without having to deal with raising taxes to support it.

Mayor Mallott: Thank you. **George Eastman** You're welcome. Thank you. **Dawn Hargraves:** Thanks, George. **Mayor Mallott:** Good job. Very thorough, George. Thank you.

Judy Steinman: Can you hear me now? Good. I have a whole bunch of things that I want to ask the board about. Um, first of all, I want to be that person who stands up to attest to the wonderful work that our fire department and EMS does do. Um, I had occasion to call them not this past summer, but the summer before. I had had an accident at 3:45 a.m. and they arrived in my house within five minutes. I swear to you, I still do not know how they got into the house. But they were there. They loaded me onto a gurney. They took me to the ambulance. They took me to a helicopter and made sure that I got over to Stony Brook Hospital. Uh, one cannot say thank you enough for their services. They are wonderful people who provide a service to this community that you can't possibly repay them for. They're just amazing. And I have nothing but the greatest admiration for them. Um, I have a suggestion for our future meetings. Will you, please? If you go to the microphone, identify yourself? Some people do, but some people don't. They assume that everybody knows who they are and they assume that they can be seen carefully at home. I cannot identify everybody who goes to the microphone, so please, my name is and I'm here to talk about, um. There were a couple of suggestions made in the last few weeks, some of them at board meetings, some of them beyond that, there's some concern about E-scooters in the village. Um, I think we need to do something about that and make sure that they don't overrun our streets and overrun our slow moving. Excuse me, pedestrians. They're a danger. And as I've been reading in the New York Times recently, there

are fire danger also. And we really ought to not let them become widespread on our streets. Um. **Trustee Arment:** But, Judy, what you said was that e-scooters you said yes. Okay. Thanks. Sorry. Go ahead.

Judy Steinman: Okay. Um, I have a suggestion for Jillian. If you're going to be replacing storm fencing, I hope you will put it in zig zag rather than straight across. You understand what I'm talking about. And people who are concerned about preserving the beach understand why this is an important distinction. Um, and then I have one other thing. It was brought up at the last meeting and that is and it relates to what Chief Hesse was talking about with our unruly children. Can we close the beach at a certain hour during the summer? The beach is obviously open to all. It's a free public space, but one of the ways you could make Ocean Beach less attractive to unruly kids who like to sit out on the beach until midnight and drink and carouse and raise hell. Would be to close the beach at a certain reasonable hour. I will not suggest to you what that ought to be, but I wonder. George Hesse If you guys are talking about anything like that or whether it's even legal, Ken Gray. I have no idea, but it would certainly be a step in the right direction as far as I'm concerned.

Chief Hesse: Definitely being spoken about and being searched. Yeah, absolutely. **Judy Steinman:** Is something like that legal? Ken? **Ken Gray:** We're discussing it and I'm researching it. **Judy Steinman:** Good. Thank you very much. **Trustee Arment:** Thanks, Judy. Let me see One moment. Edith Charlton, did you, uh. Do you have your hand up?


Edith Charlton: Yes. Can you hear me now? **Trustee Arment:** Yes, go ahead. **Edith Charlton:** Okay. I'd like to suggest something. Um, residents have been coming up for years and speaking when their turn is there and then it disappears and some of these people will come again and say the exact same thing. I would like the trustees to take a responsibility to answer each one of these. Take the responsibility. Give us a report the next month. Whether it can be done can't be done. What progress has been made? It doesn't seem to be any accountability. When people speak at this hearing, it's like that old song blowing in the wind and then it just disappears. I'd like to know from Ken if this is this legal? Can this be done?

Judy Steinman: Of course it can, but they make their own rules. (inaudible) **Edith Charlton:** Can the trustees each take a responsibility for speaker? And then report at the next meeting and the next one. **Trustee Levine:** Judy, it's Ian. Let me let me just answer for a second. You're talk you're saying that I'm not mean, Judy. Sorry about that. You're asking us to answer and respond. We do. We heard people talking to us about the problem with the tennis court. We solved it. People talking to us about a problem with the wagon parks. We're working on it. We've had problems with the teenagers. We're working on it, you know, So, we are listening and we are taking action. And we hope that you will give us time to remedy this. But we do listen at every board meeting. We do listen in between every meeting. We are working very hard to make the village better. And I think we are answering all your questions.

Mayor Mallott: So, Thank you Edith. **Trustee Arment:** All right, Cathy, you're unmuted. Do you have something to say? Cathy Luby. Anything? **Cathy Luby:** Oh, sorry. I really didn't. I must have accidentally touched that. Thank you for calling on me, though. **Ken Gray:** Okay. We have a motion to close the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 12:40 PM. Trustee Arment seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye


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